

# Icebreaker by A. L. Graziadei

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\*Age Range: 14-18 (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: 9-12 (Recommended by School Library Journal)

### **BOOK SYNOPSIS**

Seventeen-year-old Mickey James III is a college freshman, a brother to five sisters, and a hockey legacy. With a father and a grandfather who have gone down in NHL history, Mickey is almost guaranteed the league's top draft spot.

The only person standing in his way is Jaysen Caulfield, a contender for the #1 spot and Mickey's infuriating (and infuriatingly attractive) teammate. When rivalry turns to something more, Mickey will have to decide what he really wants, and what he's willing to risk for it.

This is a story about falling in love, finding your team (on and off the ice), and choosing your own path.

#### **REVIEWS AND PRAISE**

"Graziadei's empathetic first novel is richly plotted and handles its gay themes and hockey action well, making it a natural read-alike for Ngozi Ukazu's Check, Please! #Hockey (2018). The author shoots and scores!" —<u>Booklist</u>

"A thoughtfully rewarding read for those who need one most." — Kirkus Reviews

"Debut author Graziadei clearly knows the sport, but even readers who don't will enjoy a tale that's more than just enemies-to-lovers . . . A complex read." — <u>Publishers Weekly</u>

## **AWARDS AND ACCOLADES**

• Michael L. Printz Award, Honor 2023

## **MEDIA AND RESOURCES**

<u>Author's Website</u>
<u>10 LGBTQ+ Books to Read in 2022 - Gayety</u>
Author's Instagram

# \*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.